**NBDC Stakeholder Forum and National Platform Meeting**

**Template to be completed through the Meeting and beyond**

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| Emerging Key messages  (including revisions, supporting comments) | Emerging evidence and examples to support this – strength of evidence? | Existing or *planned* outputs including where/with whom we can find these (maps, reports, studies, theses, journal articles, videos, blogs…) | Influencing targets – who we want to get the message to, with whom and how (including *opportunities*) |
| Message 1 Local community leadership | | | |
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| Message 2 Integration local and scientific knowledge | | | |
| * **Why distinguish between local and international knowledge?** Could be helpful though in terms of widening the scope. General agreement to leave out the distinction. * It’s not just about knowledge but also practices. * Existing practices sometimes need to be adapted by local communities to local conditions. E.g. terraces in Konso could be improved with scientific knowledge. * Policy issues around getting away from imposition of single technologies toward providing a menu of options as standard practice. * Do we upgrade local knowledge with scientific knowledge or adapt scientific knowledge with local understanding? * Sometimes local solutions are insufficient – bringing in externally developed technologies can help. * **Participants were generally happy with the message – shouldn’t become dogma though.** Needs based approach. Need to be careful of universal recommendations about need to combine local and scientific knowledge. * **Some problems with the word “imposing”. Maybe emotive – could use the word “promotion” as a less emotive term.** | * Neither local nor scientific practices alone are sufficient – participants generally agreed. Sometimes local or scientific practices are sufficient on their own. * **Farmers understand their own agro-ecology but may struggle to deal with a rapidly changing environment and may need input from scientists.** * Agree with the idea that more impact evaluation of both scientific and local practices is needed. Economic cost-benefit analyses need to be considered. Need to be careful about not over-emphasizing yield benefits. Can be broader eco-system benefits but they do now accrue to the farmer. More work on smart incentives is needed. E.g. PES, upstream/downstream benefit sharing. E.g hydro schemes paying for practices that reduce sedimentation. Govt subsidies related to quality of land management by individual farmers. | * Two theses available (at least in Diga and Fogera) * AKT (Agroecological Knowledge Toolkit) combines (analyze and formalize) qualitative farmer knowledge on land management. You can add academic information to the system. You can use the aggregated knowledge with scientific knowledge to make DST for selecting trees. Planned is a tool called Polyscape (Jeldu) that integrates AKT information / outputs with the in situ data collection. (ICRAF) * Digital Stories and participatory videos (ILRI) * Happy Strategies outputs integrate local knowledge as well as local expert groups for planning interventions; **negotiation** (people must justify their decisions) among stakeholders for planning the landscape. (ILRI/ IWMI) * Maps (ILRI/ IWMI/ICRAF) | * All actors/ stakeholders * Across administrative structure – planners at national level/ policy makers (need farmers perspectives to inform decision making and recommendations informed by scientific research) * Researchers (need to collect both to develop the strategies to present back to administrative partners and farmers) * Local communities – to bridge knowledge gaps and inform decision making with scientific information * Must be informed by social knowledge (livelihood systems, gender and cultural values) which may create constraints if not addressed. |
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| Message 3 Facilitation learning processes | | | |
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| Message 4 Incentives for success | | | |
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| Message 5 Strengthening human resource capacities | | | |
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| Message 6 Planning, evaluation and learning tools | | | |
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